proportion and make it at least 14 per cent or make some other adjustments?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I was asking about Government's intention.

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—They have not considered it.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will they be pleased to consider it in future?

Mr. K. Narasimha Pai.—It can be considered.

Agricultural indebtedness.

23. Mr. K.M. Ibrahim.—Avderting to question No. 393 of the last sitting regarding an unrealised promise of the Government to solve the problem of our Agricultural Indebtedness will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the reasons for the long delay in such a vital matter;

(b) the time that has elapsed between now and their first promise;

(c) the number of times with dates when they reiterated the promise;

(d) whether any meeting of the departmental heads has assembled in the meanwhile to discuss the matter and if it has whether they will be pleased to place a copy of the proceedings of the same on the table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) There has been no unnecessary delay.

(b) and (c) The Member is referred to the Legislative Council Proceedings.

(d) No further meeting was held, and hence the latter part of the sub-division does not arise.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, the harm in giving out the matter itself in order to facilitate our work in this Council? We were simply referred to the wilderness of Proceedings.

Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Is it proper, Sir, to refer the Hon'ble Members to the Council Proceedings?

President.—I shall note this point and I will bring it to the notice of the Government.

Fan in the Legislative Council Library—Repairs of.

24. Mr. K.M. Ibrahim.—Referring to question No. 391 of the last sitting, will the Government be pleased to give reasons why 19 days were required for repairing a fan?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Since the Council was not in session then, and since more urgent works had to be attended to, the fan could not be repaired earlier.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, the nature of urgent works mentioned here?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—I am sorry I have not got a list of them.

Levies on Motor and Steam boats.

25. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—With reference to question No. 488 of the last sitting regarding the Dual Nature and Multiplicity of Government levies on Motor and Steam boats, will the Government be pleased to state the standard by which the levies were made?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The P. W. Department realises only the dues authorised by the Canal rules. The rates were fixed after consultation with the Travancore and British Governments.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know, Sir, whether the mere fact of the connivance of Travancore and British Governments is the justification for disproportionately taxing the boats of our State?

President.—You are referring to other Governments and you are using words like 'connivance', etc. You may ask for whatever information you want.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Is the agreement between the Travancore and British people a complete justification for disproportionately taxing our boats?

Mr. V.K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The necessity for mentioning that these rates were fixed after consulting the Travancore and British Governments is to show that due consideration has been given to this question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—In the last session the same question was asked and it was said then that it was done according to the agreements of the boat-owners themselves.

President.—I advise you to include this in your tomorrow's speech.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will you please make a note of it?

Equipment of human labour with Mechanical Power.

26. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state the rate of equipment of human labour with mechanical power in the State for the last 10 years?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The question is not clear.

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